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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV PARTY SECRETARY'S CONCERNS

1. SUMMARY: DURING MY INITIAL CALL SEPTEMBER 23, COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY STANE DOLANC RECALLED HIS DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER HERE LAST NOVEMBER AND EXPRESSED HOPE VISIT U.S. NEXT YEAR, ALLUDED TO RECENT SOVIET PRESSURES ON YUGOSLAVIA AND STRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN OVER EMIGRE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN WEST. END SUMMARY

2. ONE OF TWO OR THREE MOST IMPORTANT MEN FOR U.S. TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH AS WE MOVE TOWARD POST-TITO ERA, STANE DOLANC SEEMS READY TO RECIPROCATE. HE WARMLY RECALLED HIS DISCUSSION HERE LAST NOVEMBER WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND THE SECRETARY'S INVITATION FOR HIM TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES. DOLANC SAID HE HOPED TO "SOMEHOW MANAGE TO COME IN COURSE OF NEXT YEAR".

3. IN RESPONSE MY QUESTION ABOUT RUMORS HERE THAT THERE IS RECENT PRESSURE FROM THE EAST, DOLANC NOTED ARRESTS LAST YEAR AND THIS OF COMINFORMIST GROUPS. HE SAID THESE GROUPS "UNDOUBTEDLY INSPIRED BY EAST". HE NOTED IT NOT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHY THEY NEED ACTION JUST AT THIS TIME. DOLANC AGREED WITH ME THAT SOVIET  
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IS PART OF REASON FOR PRESSURE BUT STRESSED YUGOSLAVS NOT GOING TO ADOPT SOVIET POSITION. IN SAME VEIN, HE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA HAVE VERY DIFFERENT DOMESTIC POLICIES, THE COMMON THREAD THAT UNITES THEM IS OPPOSITION TO THE SOVIET UNION.

4. AS HAS EVERY OTHER SENIOR YUGOSLAV SINCE MY ARRIVAL, DOLANC DEALT AT LENGTH WITH PROBLEMS CREATED BY EMIGRE ACTIVITIES IN WEST. CITING BOMBING OF YUGOSLAV MISSION AND ATTACKS ON THEIR DIPLOMATS IN NEW YORK, HE COMPLAINED THAT NOBODY CAUGHT. IN PARTICULARLY REVEALING POINT HE SAID HE VIRTUALLY PRISONER IN HIS ROOM WHILE VISITING BRANT IN "FREE WEST GERMANY" AS "USTASHI TERRORISTS WOULD HAVE LIKE NOTHING BETTER THAN TO GET ME". THIS SAME PERSONAL FEAR EXPRESSED BY MINIC (SEE REFTTEL) AND CLEARLY HEIGHTENS YUGOSLAV CONCENTRATION ON THIS ISSUE. DOLANC AFFIRMED THAT IF SOMETHING COULD BE DONE WITH ANTI-YUGOSLAV EMIGRES, US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS WOULD IMPROVE MUCH FASTER.

5. COMMENT: DOLANC HAS SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ME AGAIN IN OCTOBER. THIS WOULD BE IDEAL OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT VISITS--PERHAPS, AS YUGOSLAVS THEMSELVES PROPOSED TO AMBASSADOR TOON DURING HIS DEPARTURE CALLS, WITH KARDELJ COMING IN FIRST HALF AND DOLANC IN SECOND HALF OF 1976. BELIEVE WE SHOULD MOVE AHEAD NOW TO CLARIFY OUR OWN THINKING AND TO MAKE CONCRETE PROPOSALS TO YUGOSLAVS. NEXT MEETING COULD ALSO BE OPPORTUNITY TO DEEPEN DIALOGUE WITH MAN WHO ALREADY COUNTS A GREAT DEAL. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY MATERIAL DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE TO ENRICH THIS DIALOGUE.

6. WE UNDERSTAND FROM JAPANESE THAT DOLANC SUGGESTED AND NOW PLANNING A TRIP TO JAPAN IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER FOLLOWING STOP IN NORTH KOREA. THIS IS TO BE "INFORMAL" RATHER THAN PARTY-TO-PARTY OR OFFICIAL VISIT.  
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